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Una innovadora alianza garantizará el futuro de Ste. Anne y preservará la basílica para las generaciones futuras

Por Michael Stechschulte
Reimpreso de *Detroit Catholic*

Una de las iglesias católicas más antiguas y significativas de Michigan, la Basilica of Ste. Anne, en el suroeste de Detroit, será preservada para las futuras generaciones gracias a una "alianza transformadora" entre la Ste. Anne Parish y The Catholic Initiative, una nueva organización sin fines de lucro creada por la Pulte Family Charitable Foundation.

Como parte de esta alianza, la Iniciativa Católica emprenderá una obra de $30 millones para restaurar la histórica basílica y su propiedad, además de crear un fondo de $20 millones para cubrir futuras necesidades

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La Basilica of Ste. Anne, un emblemático templo de 139 añosserá completamente restaurada gracias a una alianza transformadora con The Catholic Initiative.

The 139-year-old Basilica of Ste. Anne will undergo a $30 million "complete rehabilitation" thanks to a "transformative partnership" with The Catholic Initiative. (Foto de / Photo by James Silvestri | Special to Detroit Catholic*)*

'Innovative partnership' will secure future of Ste. Anne, preserve basilica for generations

By Michael Stechschulte
Reprinted from *Detroit Catholic*

One of Michigan's oldest and most historically significant Catholic churches, the Basilica of Ste. Anne in southwest Detroit, will be preserved for generations to come thanks to a "transformative partnership" between Ste. Anne Parish and The Catholic Initiative, a new nonprofit created by the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation.

As part of the partnership, The Catholic Initiative will embark upon a $30 million rehabilitation of the historic basilica and its property, as well as create a $20 million endowment to provide for future capital needs and operational support in perpetuity,

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Ralph C. Wilson. Jr. Centennial Park: Slated to Open October 2025

By Estefania Arellano-Bermudez

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park is on track to open to the public in October 2025, taking its place as another significant piece of Detroit's revitalization. The park, named after 54-year owner of the NFL's Buffalo Bills, is a testament to Wilson's appreciation for Detroit – the city where he grew up and called home. Wilson, a philanthropist, left behind a legacy and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, has become the park's main financial backer.

The Detroit waterfront parcel and its 22 acres of once little used, flat greenspace along W. Jefferson Ave. is no more. The unproductive space has been replaced by a sloping hill for winter sledding and summertime movie viewing, a lush two-acre water garden, and a Copenhagen inspired play area for kids. Additionally, there will be two basketball courts. This dynamic park has something for all ages.

Community members are already excited about the park's potential for connection in Detroit's diverse population.

"I want to see more Hispanic Heritage events and festivals to have people feel more connected to the park," said community organizer and digital navigator at Bridging Communities, Alexis Escoto, at a park update and feedback session attended by several community residents and advocates last Thursday, March 6 at the Roberto Clemente Recreation Center.

Park planning discussions have included a 21-person advisory committee made up of locals who travelled to different U.S. parks and brought back valuable insights for the implementation of impactful design.

"[The park] has had a long history of planning and community engagement and design discussions by various architects, internationally and locally, to come up with the best design for the park," said Rhonda Collins, Construction Manager for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

Also involved in the design process were the brilliant minds of local elementary school kids from Maybury, The James and Grace Lee Boggs School, and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School. Denmark company Monstrum, which has designed out-of-this-world playscapes in Finland, Belgium, and Sweden, brought the school children's vibrant ideas to the table. From these ideas came a giant bird whose beak is a slide, and its four friends - a large-mouth bass, fox, otter, and bear.

Though spacious, the park promises to be cozy, as well. There will be a promenade lined with stunning cherry trees, tranquil

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Water Garden, Barbara Erb Cove in Ralph C. Wilson, Jr., Centennial Park

One of the animal-shaped play structures at the Tot Lot

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fishing opportunities, and ample seating to take in the beautiful views. Thoughtfully designed accessibility ramps will ensure that the park is welcoming to people of all abilities. Treehouses nestled in the playlot will provide a whimsical escape. Additionally, an outdoor classroom will be available for school groups visiting the park for educational trips, providing an opportunity for students to connect with nature and learn about the varied vegetation.

The architectural firm behind the park is Michael Van Valkenburg Associates. MVVA is renowned for their projects such as the Obama Center in Chicago, IL, which includes the presidential library and Ralph Wilson Park in Buffalo, New York.

"Our community in Southwest—our Mexicantown community —has got to go out there and enjoy the park and not be afraid. We all deserve nice parks," said Anthony Benavides, executive director of the Clark Park Coalition.

The Tot Lot

Sport House

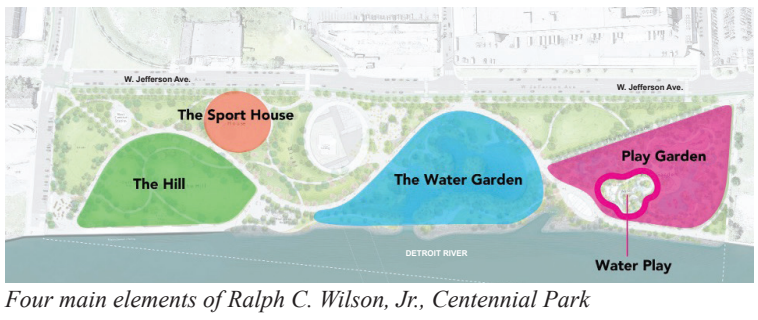
Rhonda Collins, Construction Manager presents updates on the Riverfront Conservancy projects at a community meeting held March 6, 2025. Photo by Renee Rodriguez

Sport House

Comfort Station under construction

Progress of construction of play structures at Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centenial Park

Tree Houses under construction



Four main elements of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr., Centennial Park

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Candidato a la alcaldía de Detroit: Rev. Solomon Kinloch, Jr.

Por Annalise Frank | Axios Detroit – Reimpreso con autorización | Traducción Carmen Elena Luna

Si el reverendo Solomon Kinloch Jr. gana las elecciones, promete unir y convocar a las partes interesadas más importantes y, al mismo tiempo, garantizar que las empresas cumplan sus promesas.

Esta es la última de nuestra serie de entrevistas sobre las prioridades políticas de los aspirantes a la alcaldía.

- Están surgiendo más candidatos para reemplazar a Mike Duggan, el único alcalde que hasta ahora ha liderado la ciudad en su recuperación posterior a la quiebra.
- La carrera no partidista tiene sus primarias en agosto y las elecciones generales en noviembre.

Historia: Kinloch lidera la Iglesia Triumph con sede en Detroit, que tenía alrededor de 50 miembros cuando comenzó como pastor en 1998. Bajo su liderazgo, la iglesia estima que ha aumentado a 40.000 miembros en sus ubicaciones en Detroit, Flint, Southfield y otras ubicaciones.

- Además de los servicios religiosos habituales, las ofertas de Triumph incluyen becas y talleres financieros y de salud mental.
- Durante la pandemia, la iglesia proporcionó computadoras portátiles gratuitas para los estudiantes, vacunas, alimentos y paquetes de ayuda.
- Kinloch también ha sido miembro de la junta directiva de la Skillman Foundation y del grupo de trabajo estatal sobre disparidades raciales en el marco del COVID-19.

Noticias: Kinloch habló con Axios Detroit sobre sus objetivos como alcalde, su capacidad para unificar y por qué postularse desde fuera de la política tradicional podría ser una ventaja.

- Muchas personas son escépticas con respecto a los políticos institucionales, comentó, lo que lleva a personas como él a postularse para un cargo para convertirse en el líder que quieren ver, en lugar de esperarlo.

Un acercamiento: la vivienda es primordial, dijo el pastor. Quiere agregar 10,000 unidades de vivienda más en la ciudad. Entre las áreas de enfoque estaría la vivienda asequible, uso de materiales y tecnología innovadora y un programa de asistencia para el pago de la prima, para promover la propiedad de la vivienda.

Además, la construcción de viviendas se conecta con otra de las misiones de Kinloch:

Rev. Solomon Kinloch, Jr. anunció el 19 de febrero de 2025 que se postulará para el cargo de alcalde de Detroit.

capacitación laboral, oficios especializados y aumentar las oportunidades económicas. Quiere expandir los programas de capacitación de la fuerza laboral existentes y "no solo retener a nuestra clase media, sino que queremos seguir atrayendo y haciendo crecer nuestra clase media y alta".

- También hizo hincapié en la financiación de las pequeñas empresas y ha dicho que quiere añadir 10 tiendas de alimentos más en la ciudad, para aumentar el acceso a la alimentación.

Kinloch también cree que su administración podría hacer un mejor trabajo aprovechando los recursos públicos y privados y convocando a líderes filantrópicos, incluso en el ámbito de la educación. El alcalde no preside las escuelas públicas, pero el bienestar de los jóvenes sigue siendo su responsabilidad, dijo.

- "Tener una situación en la que nuestras escuelas no estén produciendo lo mejor para nuestros jóvenes ya no es una opción", dijo.

Contexto: Si es elegido, Kinloch no planea dejar de liderar Triumph, una vía a través de la cual escucha a miles de personas.

- También dijo en su discurso de inauguración que sería un alcalde para los habitantes de Detroit de todas las razas e identidades.
- Cuando se le preguntó sobre las creencias de Triumph en su sitio web contra el matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo, dijo que no se postula para alcalde como pastor y que defendería la igualdad de protección ante la ley. Si bien las personas tienen derecho a sus opiniones religiosas, no tienen derecho a imponer sus creencias a los demás, dijo.

Situación actual: Uno de los temas de su campaña será la gran empresa y la comunidad, es decir, equilibrar los variados intereses y necesidades de quienes afectan y se ven afectados por la evolución del panorama de Detroit.

- Kinloch compartió que el próximo alcalde debe ser un unificador y un luchador, y que puede y ha logrado superar esa brecha.
- "Las empresas necesitan saber que Detroit sigue abierta a los negocios... La diferencia es que mi administración garantizaría que, si se le hace una promesa a nuestra gente, deben cumplirla".

En resumen: Le preguntamos a Kinloch sobre una cualidad que aportaría como alcalde que sea diferente a las que tienen otros candidatos y el alcalde actual. Dijo:

- "El ministerio se trata de la gente. Y.… el negocio de la ciudad, el gobierno, debe ser sobre la gente".
- "Creo que eso es lo que me hace especial, porque he estado en primera línea. No me han dado nada... Tuve que construir, tuve que reclutar, tuve que liderar. Tuve que ser creativo. Tuve que inspirar esperanza. El próximo líder tiene que ser alguien que pueda inspirar esperanza".

Detroit Mayor's race sit-down: Rev. Solomon Kinloch, Jr.

By Annalise Frank | Axios | Reprinted with permission

If the Rev. Solomon Kinloch Jr. becomes mayor, he says he could unite and convene powerhouse stakeholders while ensuring businesses deliver on their promises.

The big picture: This is the latest in our series of interviews on mayoral hopefuls' policy priorities.

- More candidates are emerging in the race to replace Mike Duggan, the only mayor so far to oversee the city in its post-bankruptcy recovery.
- The nonpartisan race has its primary in August and general election in November.

Flashback: Kinloch leads the Detroit-based Triumph Church, which had around 50 members when he began as pastor in 1998. Under his leadership, the church estimates it has grown to 40,000 members across locations in Detroit, Flint, Southfield and elsewhere.

- As well as usual church services, Triumph's offerings include scholarships and financial and mental health workshops.
- During the pandemic, the church provided free laptops for students, vaccines, groceries and care packages.
- Kinloch has also served on the Skillman Foundation board and the state's COVID-19 task force on racial disparities.

Driving the news: Kinloch spoke with Axios Detroit about his goals as mayor, his ability to unify and why running from outside of traditional politics could be an advantage.

- Many people are skeptical of institutional politicians, he said, leading people like him to run for office to become the leadership they want to see instead of waiting for it.

Zoom in: Housing is paramount, the pastor said. He wants to add 10,000 more housing units in the city. Some areas of focus there would be making housing affordable, using innovative materials and technology and building a bigger down payment assistance program to promote homeownership.

Plus, housing construction connects with another of Kinloch's missions: job training, skilled trades and increasing economic opportunities. He wants to expand existing workforce training programs and "not just retain our middle class, but we want to continue to attract and to grow our middle class and upper classes."

- He also emphasized funding for small businesses, and has said he wants to add 10 more grocery stores in the city to increase access in food deserts.

Kinloch also thinks his administration could do a better job leveraging private-public resources and convening philanthropic leaders, including in education. The mayor doesn't preside over public schools, but youth well-being is still their responsibility, he said.

- "Having a situation where our schools are not producing the best we can for our young people is no longer an option," he said.

Context: If he's elected, Kinloch has said he doesn't plan to step down from leading Triumph, an avenue through which he hears from thousands of people.

- He also said in his announcement speech that he would be a mayor for Detroiters of all races and identities.
- Asked about Triumph's beliefs on its website against same-sex marriage, he said that he is not running for mayor as a pastor, and that he would defend equal protections under the law. While people have the right to their religious views, they don't have the right to impose their beliefs on others, he said.

State of play: One theme of the mayor's race is going to be big business and community — balancing the varied interests and needs of those affecting and affected by how Detroit's landscape is evolving.

- Kinloch said the next mayor needs to be both a unifier and a fighter, and that he can and has bridged that gap.
- "Businesses need to know that Detroit is still open for business. … The difference is that my administration would ensure that, listen, if you make our people a promise, you've got to deliver on the promise you make."

Pastor Solomon Kinloch, Jr.

The bottom line: We asked Kinloch about a quality he would bring as mayor that is different from what other candidates and the current mayor have. He said:

- "Ministry is about people. And … the city's business, government ought to be about people."
- "I think that's what makes me rare, because I've been on the front line. I haven't been given anything … I had to build, I had to recruit, I had to lead. I had to be creative. I had to inspire hope. The next leader has to be someone who can inspire hope."

10 Things You Can Do To Stand Strong For Immigration

By Steve Tobocman and Julien Godman

1. Sign the Pledge

Visit https://www.forimmigration.biz/sign to add your name, your business, or organization to the roll of Michiganders standing with Businesses and People for Immigration.

2. Volunteer with Business and People for Immigration

We are looking for volunteers to help us with any and all aspects of this campaign. From something as simple as helping to staff an event to leveraging your skills as a creative marketer, web designer, writer, graphic designer, researcher, community organizer, or marketer– we can put you to work in building this campaign. Email us at info@globaldetroitmi.org if you want to lend a hand or an idea.

3. Write an Op-Ed

Your perspective counts: submit a letter to the editor or opinion to your local newspaper to let them know why you support immigrants and immigration.

4. Host a Know Your Rights Training for Businesses and Employers

Our campaign, Businesses and People for Immigration (BPFI), campaign can help connect business groups with an Employer Toolkit and presentations by employment and immigration attorneys advising employers on 1) how to maintain their I-9 paperwork, 2) what to do during an ICE raid, and 3) what employers should know about hiring immigrants, refugees, and international students. If you gather the businesses, we will bring the know-how.

5. Host an Event to Educate Your Community on Immigrant Contributions

The BPFI campaign is committed to spreading the facts about immigration and the contributions that immigrants bring to our economy, our local communities and our future. We are eager to provide speakers, presentations, and data to work with you to get the word out.

6. Provide a Testimonial

The BPFI campaign seeks to lift up the voices of an array of Michigan's business and community leaders, as well as everyday citizens that believe that immigration and immigrants improve Michigan's economy and quality of life. We use social media and other materials to help convey our message, demonstrating that a broad segment of Michiganders believe that immigrants are hardworking, people of faith eager to pursue the American Dream in their new home in Michigan. We rely on quotes and photos from our campaign signers to spread this message.

7. Start Your Meetings and Events with an Immigration Acknowledgment

Most Michiganders are the descendants of immigrants, if not immigrants themselves. At your next meeting break the ice with a story of where your family came from and what brought them to America.

8. Register for Welcoming Interactive

Michigan is amping up to host Welcoming Interactive, Welcoming America's biannual three-day conference where nearly 1,000 local welcoming leaders will gather to discuss strategies and best practices in creating a "nation of neighbors." Join the conversation at https://welcomingamerica.org/initiatives/welcoming-interactive/.

9. Make a Donation

There are a number nonprofit organizations that are working to stand up for immigrants at this challenging time: ACLU Michigan (https://www.aclumich.org/en), the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (https://michiganimmigrant.org/), and Businesses and People for Immigration (www.forimmigration.biz) are a few such worthwhile organizations.

10. Help Develop a Local Plan to Welcome and Support Immigrants in Your Area

Broad coalitions supporting immigrants and smart immigration policy have formed in Detroit, Flint, and Grand Rapids and many other parts of Michigan. Some of these coalitions have developed comprehensive plans and strategies. Others are still strategizing. If you are eager to join an existing effort or want more information on opportunities for your community contact us at info@globaldetroitmi.org.

Summer 2025 Writing & Photography Opportunities for Detroit Students

The Detroit Writing Room and its nonprofit arm Coaching Detroit Forward are offering their 6th summer of free Journalism and Photography Camps for Detroit high school students.

All programs are free for Detroit students and include laptops, lunch, writing materials, T-shirts and cameras (for the photography camp). Scholarships are also available for Metro Detroit students to attend the Journalism Camp.

Space is limited, and students must apply by the deadlines below:

Journalism Camp

Location: Wayne State University

- Deadline to apply: Friday, May 2, 2025.
- Link to apply: detroitwritingroom.com/journalism-camp

Beginner Photography Camp

Location: Bamboo Detroit

- Deadline to apply: Friday, May 2, 2025
- Link to apply: coachingdetroitforward.org/photography-camp-apply

Advanced Photography Camp

Location: Photography studio in Detroit (location TBA)

- Deadline to apply: Friday, May 2, 2025
- Link to apply: coachingdetroitforward.org/advanced-photography-camp-apply

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"I highly recommend the Journalism Camp. I had no prior experience in journalism, but by the end of the camp, I was able to write an article I was really proud of! All the professors and journalists that taught us were professional and helpful. I learned how to interview, take pictures, and write how journalists do. When it came time for my article to be published, it was even republished by El Central newspaper!"

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Rafael Mendez: What a Trumpet Player!

By: Ozzie Rivera

Trumpet player, composer and arranger Rafael Mendez, one of the music world's stellar geniuses, spent significant time here in Detroit during the late 1920's and early 1930's. After moving to southern California he would become known for his work on Hollywood film soundtracks, traveled the world in a number of famous bands, often featured as a solo performer.

Born in 1906 in Jiquilpan, Mexio he was part of the Mendez family band which caught the attention of the Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa when they performed for him in 1916. Villa was so enamored by the family of musicians he "drafted" the band into his army, the young Rafael becoming his favorite. Villa demanded that Rafael stay with his army even after the family moved on. Months later Rafael was released and went on to perform with several traveling circus bands before joining the Mexican Army in 1921.

At age twenty Rafael Mendez moved to the U.S. first to work in the steel mills of Gary Indiana, later moving to Flint, Michigan where he worked at the Buick Company plant. There he joined the company band. He soon auditioned for and was accepted by the Capitol Theatre Orchestra which led to his move to Detroit. In Detroit he also performed for the Ford and Fox Theatre Orchestras. In Detroit he met and married Amor Rodriguez. In 1932 he suffered a major injury which hampered his trumpet playing. It was then he decided to return to Mexico to study with his father. A year later he returned to the United States, this time to New York to join the famed Rudy Vallee band. After touring California with the Vallee band, he and his wife "fell in love" with southern California and decided to move there in 1937.

You might have heard some of his work and not realized Rafael Mendez was the figure behind some incredible music. If you search on YouTube you will find a significant number of his recorded performances, that included classical, Mexican traditional as well as semi-instructional sessions. One of my favorite YouTube videos is the "Flight of the Bumblebee" widely known as the theme song for the 1960's Green Hornet series and movie. He was considered by many to be one of the greatest trumpet players of all time, known for his brilliant tone and technique.

In 1939 he joined the MGM Orchestra and played on numerous movie soundtracks. Because of his skill and expertise, he was contracted to arrange music, and would author a number of trumpet method books. His stature grew and he appeared frequently as a soloist with orchestras away from the MGM studios. This included performances on the Bing Cosby, Red Skeleton and Milton Berle shows, all top-rated programs of the time. He also was a regular with the Xavier Cugat Orchestra at the Hollywood Bowl. Given the increased demands on his time, he experienced conflicts with the MGM schedule and left the studio orchestra in 1949. The demand for his performances grew to the point he was performing more than 100 concerts a year throughout the United States and Europe.

By the late 1950's Rafael experienced serious asthma related health problems. This made it difficult for him to play at his accustomed level. This was further complicated when while in Mexico in 1967 he was hit in the face by an errant bat. Though he did recuperate this combined with his overall health issues led him to cut his concert schedule significantly. He retired from performing in 1975 but continued to compose and arrange. He died in 1981 at the age of 75.

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SOUTHWEST DETROIT

FLOOD UPDATE

The broken water main in Southwest Detroit has been successfully replaced!

Crews are now installing a new access point and reinforcing the pipe with concrete before final repairs to impacted utility lines.

Meanwhile, recovery efforts for affected residents continue:

- Households in hotels: 196
- BSEED inspections completed: 163
- Basement trash-outs (GSD): 58 completed, 17 scheduled
- Basement cleanings (DWSD): 26 completed, 17 scheduled
- Furnace/boiler repairs needed: 17 homes identified (from cleaned basements)
- Water heaters needed: 6 replacements, 8 plumbing repairs

We'll share more updates as we get them.
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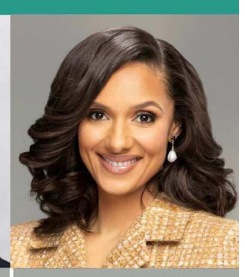

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents “A Night of Tango”

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) has partnered with Candela Detroit in Southwest Detroit to present A Night of Tango on Friday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, though tickets are required, and can be reserved in advance or at the door.

The evening will include a DSO quartet performance featuring DSO musicians Hannah Hammel Maser (flute), Rachel Harding Klaus (violin), Jeremy Crosmer (cello), and Cornelia Sommer (bassoon) and a tango dancing demonstration with Amanda Accica and Donato Juarez from Argentine Tango Detroit, plus a social dancing opportunity for attendees.

Evening schedule:

6 PM – Doors open

6:30 PM – DSO performance

7:15 PM – Featured performance by Amanda and DSO quartet

7:30 PM – Tango lesson

8:15 PM – Social dancing “La Milonga”

The event is part of the DSO’s Detroit Neighborhood Initiative, which is a community-driven process of dialogue and planning, resulting in cultural partnerships that enrich the community and musical experiences that align with the priorities of Detroit residents.

This event will take place on Friday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Candela Detroit (3564 Vernor Hwy, Detroit, MI 48216).

This concert is presented in partnership with the City of Detroit’s Office of Arts, Culture, and Entrepreneurship. This event is free and open to the public; tickets can be reserved on Candela Detroit’s website by visiting https://candeladetroit.com/event/tango/.

La Orquesta Sinfónica de Detroit presenta “Una Noche de Tango”

La Orquesta Sinfónica de Detroit (DSO) se ha asociado con Candela Detroit del Southwest Detroit para presentar Una Noche de Tango este Viernes 14 de Marzo a las 6:30 de la tarde (PM) Este evento es gratis y para todo el público, no obstante, tickets son requeridos y pueden ser reservados previamente en la puerta de entrada.

El evento incluye al cuarteto de cuerdas del DSO interpretando música de tango con actuaciones de baile de Amanda Accica y Donato Juarez del Argentine Tango Detroit, además habrán oportunidades de baile para los concurrentes.

Programación:

6 PM – Abren las puertas

6:30 PM – Interpretan los estudiantes

7 PM – Interpreta la DSO

7:30 PM – Actúan Amanda y el cuarteto del DSO

7:45 PM – Enseñanzas de baile del Tango

8:30 PM – Baile Social de “La Milonga”

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Este concierto está patrocinado en asociación con la Oficina de Artes, Cultura y Emprendimientos de la Ciudad de Detroit. Este show es gratuito y abierto al público; las entradas se pueden reservar en el sitio web de Candela Detroit haciendo clic aquí https://candeladetroit.com/event/tango/.

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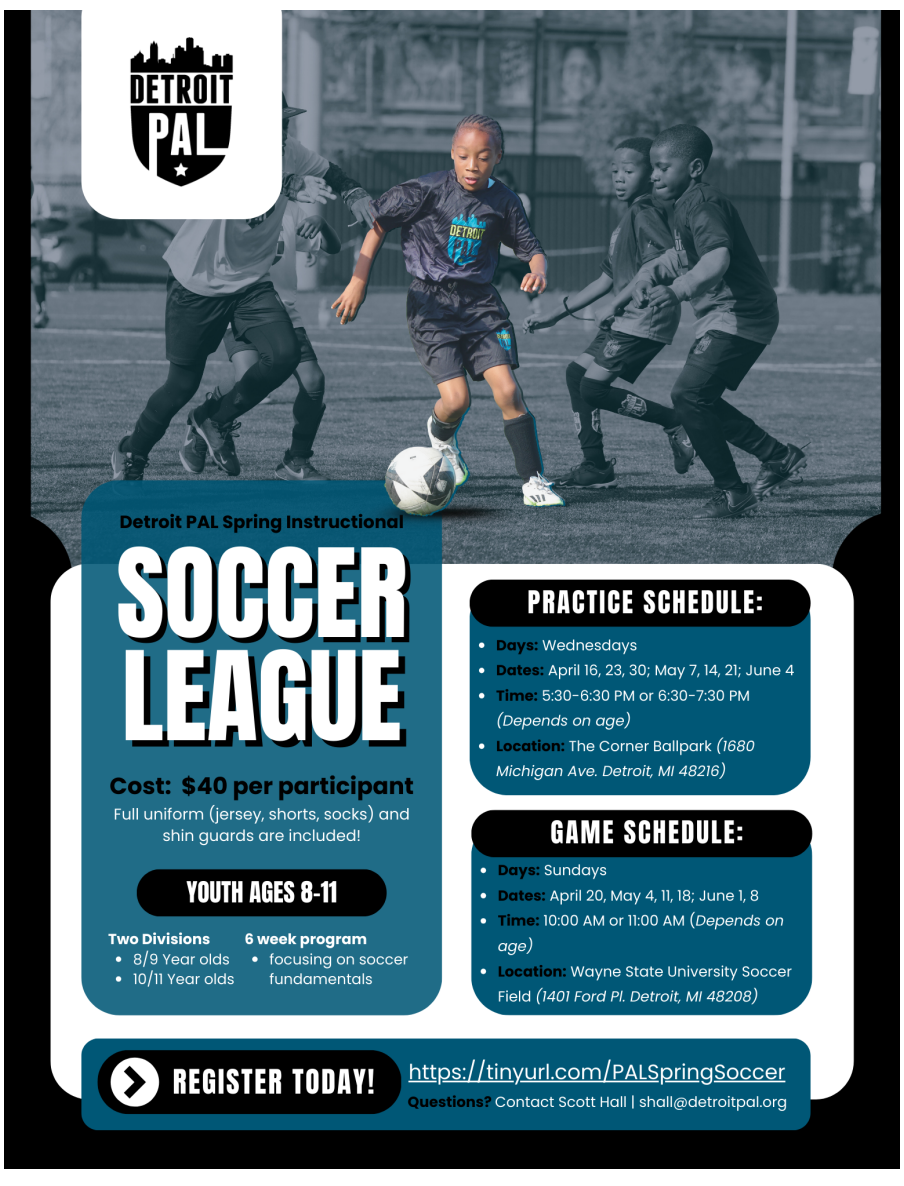
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Dresner Foundation Opens Dresner Community Center in Southwest Detroit

Wayne Metro named anchor agency for new hub for essential services and community engagement

The Vera and Joseph Dresner Foundation recently announced the opening of the Dresner Community Center -- Gilbert Street in Southwest Detroit, marking a significant milestone in the foundation's commitment to deepening community engagement and supporting local neighborhoods.

The Dresner Community Center — Gilbert Street, located at 3700 Gilbert St. in Southwest Detroit, will serve as a vital hub for residents, providing essential services, youth and adult programming, and a collaborative space for nonprofit organizations. The center is part of a broader effort by the Dresner Foundation to expand its impact beyond traditional grantmaking and establish a direct, everyday presence in Detroit.

"In creating this community center, we sought to move beyond traditional philanthropy and embed ourselves within the neighborhoods we serve," said Dresner Foundation Chief Executive Officer Virginia Romano. "The Dresner Community Center — Gilbert Street is a reflection of our long-term commitment to Detroit and the belief that real change happens when we stand alongside the people we support, working together to build stronger communities."

The foundation's journey to opening the center began in 2020, when it acquired two Southwest Detroit properties: the former St. Andrew Catholic Church and Rectory on McGraw St., which now serves as the foundation's headquarters, and the community building on Gilbert St., which has been transformed into the community center.

The Dresner Foundation invested over $4 million in the community center, encompassing property acquisition, renovations, structural enhancements, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment. Additionally, the center's development was guided by valuable input from area residents, nonprofit organizations, local churches, and neighborhood associations, ensuring it was thoughtfully designed and programmed to meet the needs and priorities of the community it serves.

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) has been selected as the anchor organization at the Dresner Community Center — Gilbert Street, providing essential services such as water assistance, utility assistance, income and property tax assistance, and general resource navigation.

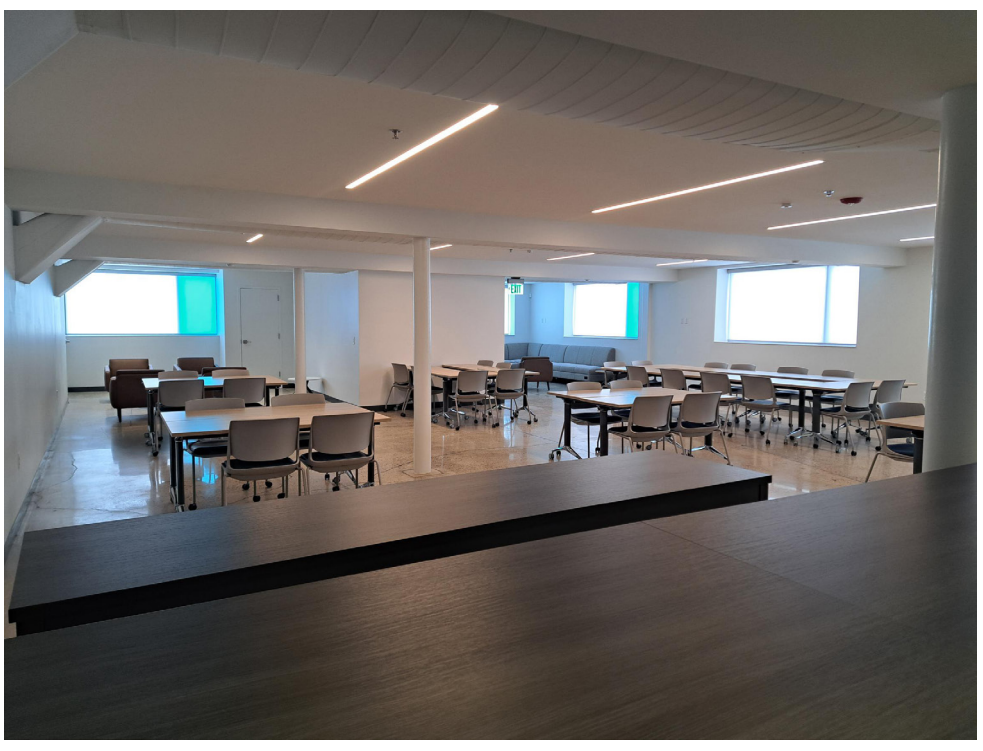
"Wayne Metro is honored to steward the operations of the Dresner Community Center — Gilbert Street, creating a welcoming space where residents can access the tools and resources they need to thrive," said Louis D. Piszker, CEO of Wayne Metro. "Together with our partners, we are building a foundation for lasting impact and equitable growth in Southwest Detroit."

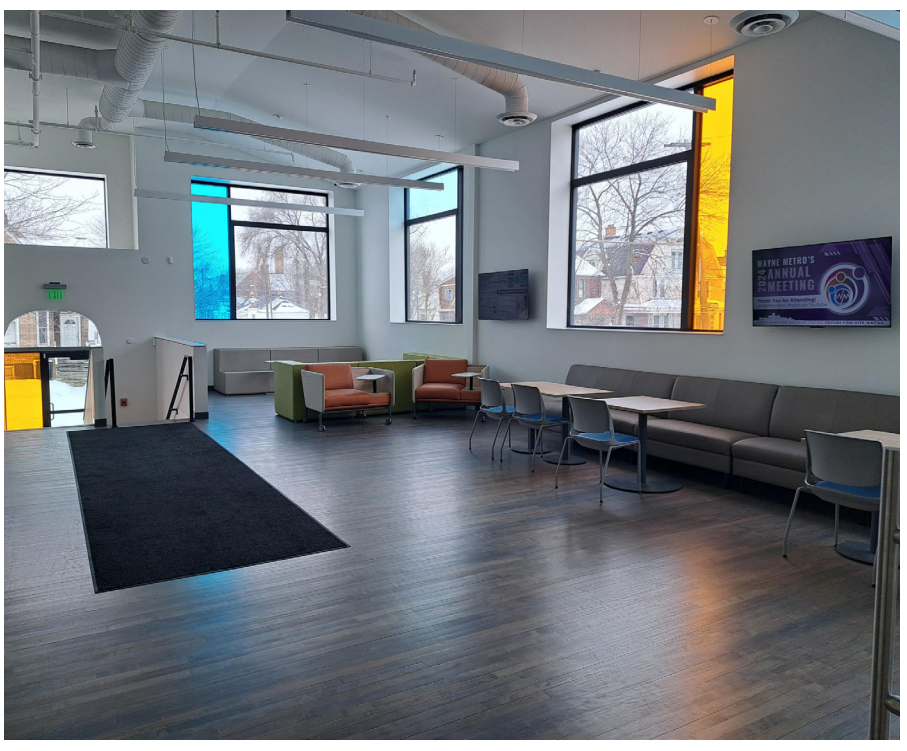
In addition to Wayne Metro's presence, the foundation is in the process of selecting nonprofit organizations from a pool of applicants to join the community center. To further support participating organizations, the foundation has eliminated operational and property maintenance costs, enabling them to focus entirely on delivering services and making a direct impact in the community.

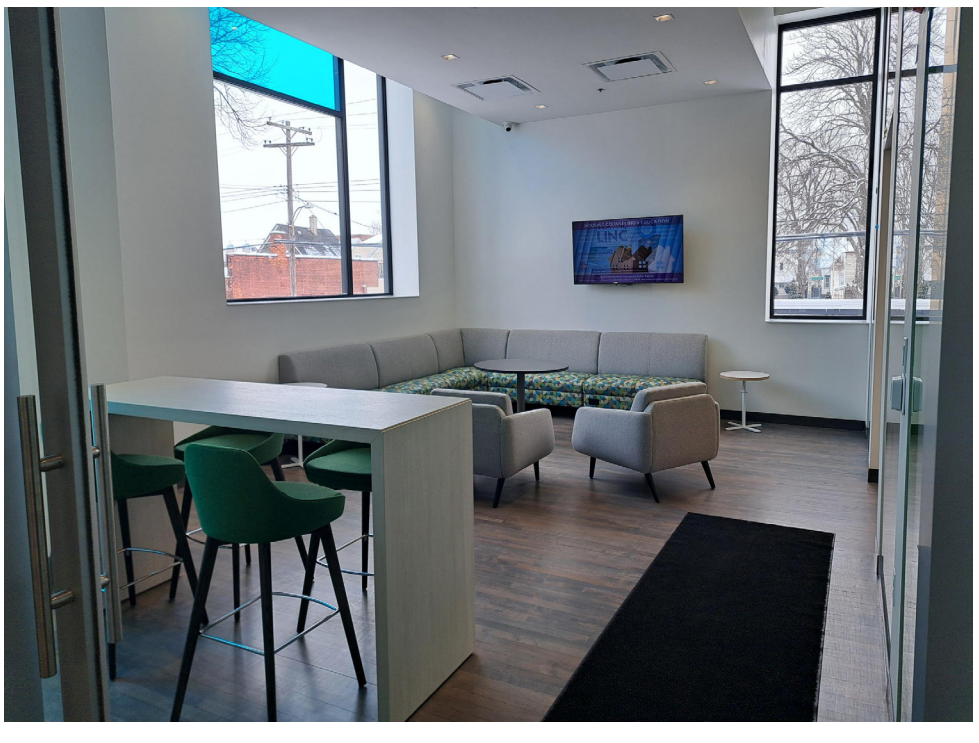
For more information about the Dresner Community Center — Gilbert Street, please contact the Vera and Joseph Dresner Foundation at (313) 285-8618.

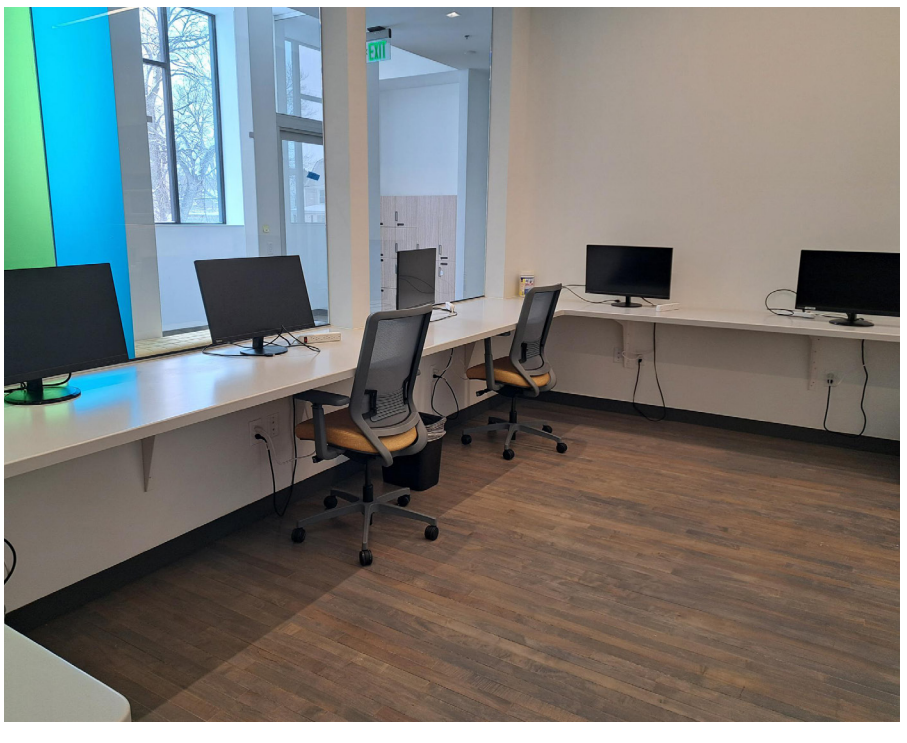
Exterior during renovation

Exterior after renovation









Alianza garantizará el futuro de Ste. Anne

La Iniciativa Católica, una nueva organización sin fines de lucro, llevará a cabo una obra de $30 millones para restaurar la histórica iglesia y creará un fondo de $20 millones

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financieras y operativas a largo plazo, incluyendo reparaciones, mantenimiento de rutina y el apoyo financiero de un sacerdote en la parroquia.

El 9 de marzo, Mons. Charles Kosanke, rector de la Basilica of Ste. Anne, anunció la alianza a los feligreses. La Arquidiócesis de Detroit y la Iniciativa Católica presentaron oficialmente la iniciativa a los medios esa misma tarde.

La Basilica of Ste. Anne, construida en 1886 — el octavo templo en la historia de la parroquia original y fundadora de Detroit — es un ícono arquitectónico de la ciudad. Ubicada junto al río Detroit, cerca del Puente Ambassador, ha sido un lugar de encuentro y oración para católicos y otras personas durante generaciones.

Sin embargo, como ocurre con muchas iglesias históricas, el desgaste de su infraestructura a lo largo de las décadas ha generado la necesidad de obras millonarias de mantenimiento y renovación, un gasto que la parroquia no puede afrontar por sí sola.

"Debido a su antigüedad e importancia, la basílica se habría visto obligada a recaudar fondos permanentemente, en ocasiones a expensas de sus esfuerzos misioneros, para llevar a cabo todas las renovaciones y los costosos trabajos de mantenimiento necesarios", dijo el Arzobispo Emérito de Detroit, Allen H. Vigneron, en un comunicado de prensa.

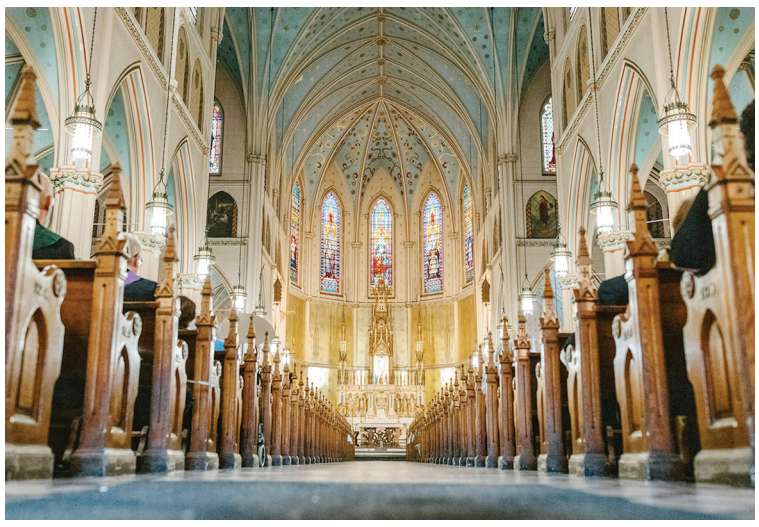
Como parte de la alianza, aprobada por el Vaticano, la propiedad del edificio de la iglesia y el campus pasará a una nueva organización 501(c)(3) creada con el único propósito de preservar la histórica basílica y su terreno. La Iniciativa Católica asumirá toda la responsabilidad del mantenimiento y la restauración en marcha.

La visión compartida de la alianza garantiza y protege el futuro de Ste. Anne Parish's, que conservará "los derechos exclusivos y permanentes para usar la propiedad como iglesia católica y basílica", formalizados mediante un contrato de arrendamiento renovable por 200 años.

La Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, una organización filantrópica dirigida por la familia del fallecido constructor y filántropo William J. Pulte, apoya diversas causas benéficas y humanitarias impulsadas por instituciones educativas y sin fines de lucro en Metro Detroit y en todo el mundo.

Además de trabajar en la construcción y gestionar el PulteGroup Inc, una empresa que ha construido más de 750.000 viviendas desde su fundación, Pulte, nacido en el sureste de Michigan, fue un hombre de profunda fe católica dedicado a su familia. A lo largo de su vida, donó cientos de millones de dólares —muchas veces de forma anónima— a iglesias católicas y causas benéficas. Un ejemplo de ello fue el Angel Fund, que ayudaba a parroquias en zonas urbanas a apoyar a familias en dificultades, cubriendo gastos básicos de subsistencia. Pulte falleció en 2018 a los 85 años.

Kevin Doyle, presidente de la Iniciativa Católica y director de operaciones de la Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, afirmó que el legado de servicio de Pulte sigue inspirando el trabajo de la fundación.



La innovadora alianza con The Catholic Initiative permitirá la restauración y rehabilitación completa de la Basilica of Ste. Anne y su recinto. El proyecto incluye reparaciones esenciales, mejoras significativas y la creación de un fondo de dotación que garantizará el mantenimiento y funcionamiento futuros de la basílica de manera permanente. (Foto de Alissa Tuttle | Especial para Detroit Catholic*)*

Creada bajo el lema "a quien mucho se le da, mucho se le pedirá", la Fundación encarna el espíritu emprendedor. Es decir, se esfuerza por encontrar nuevas formas de resolver desafíos", afirmó Doyle en un comunicado de prensa en el que se anunciaba la Iniciativa Católica. "La Iniciativa Católica honra ese principio al impulsar un nuevo modelo de inversión en iglesias, escuelas y parroquias dinámicas en comunidades marginadas, garantizando su sostenibilidad a largo plazo. Este modelo permite a los líderes religiosos y a los educadores católicos aliviar sus cargas financieras para centrarse en su verdadera misión: servir a sus feligreses y alumnos".

Según Doyle, la alianza con Ste. Anne, uno de los primeros proyectos emprendidos por la Iniciativa Católica, permitirá a la parroquia fundadora de Detroit avanzar como un faro de esperanza para la comunidad, garantizando su futuro a largo plazo.

"Ste. Anne es más que un edificio; es un centro comunitario, un pueblo dentro de una ciudad", dijo Doyle. "Esta iniciativa innovadora permite a la Basilica de Ste. Anne en Detroit, un pilar de la comunidad durante 200 años, continuar prosperando por muchas generaciones más".

"Hasta donde sabemos, es la primera vez en la historia de Estados Unidos que el Vaticano aprueba el cambio de propiedad de una iglesia parroquial a favor de una organización sin fines de lucro", continuó Doyle. "Estamos emprendiendo un nuevo modelo de inversión en iglesias, escuelas y parroquias dinámicas, garantizando su viabilidad a largo plazo y fortaleciendo su capacidad de servicio a sus comunidades. Esperamos que sacerdotes y feligreses puedan dejar de preocuparse constantemente por la recaudación de fondos y enfocarse en la renovación, la sostenibilidad y las necesidades de la comunidad".

El Arzobispo Vigneron expresó su gratitud por la alianza con la Fundación, a la que consideró una solución creativa ante los altos costos de mantenimiento que enfrentan muchas parroquias del centro de la ciudad. Señaló que esta permitirá a la Basilica of Ste. Anne centrarse en el ministerio y el servicio a su comunidad del suroeste de Detroit, sin tener que preocuparse por las constantes reparaciones, el mantenimiento y la recaudación de fondos.

"Agradezco profundamente a la Pulte Family Charitable Foundation y a la Iniciativa Católica por ayudar a conservar la Basílica y de este modo fortalecer la presencia misionera de la parroquia en la comunidad", dijo el Arzobispo Vigneron.

El Arzobispo designado Edward J. Weisenburger, quien sucederá al Arzobispo Vigneron como arzobispo de Detroit el 18 de marzo, también se mostró "entusiasmado" con la iniciativa.

"Para mí es un honor continuar el legado del Arzobispo Vigneron brindando mi apoyo a esta alianza entre la Ste. Anne Parish y The Pulte Family Charitable Foundation. Es un ejemplo notable de cómo una buena gestión puede garantizar la preservación de nuestro patrimonio sagrado al tiempo que promueve nuestra misión", dijo el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger. "Ansío ver los frutos de esta colaboración para la gloria de Dios y su contribución para mantener la Basilica of Ste. Anne por generaciones".

Fundada en 1701, Ste. Anne es la segunda parroquia católica más antigua de Estados Unidos que ha funcionado de manera ininterrumpida. A lo largo de los siglos, la comunidad ha crecido y cambiado varias veces. Hoy en día, la comunidad parroquial sirve principalmente a una población hispana, con ministerios sólidos y liturgias durante toda la semana, tanto en inglés como en español. En 2020, el Papa Francisco elevó la histórica iglesia a la categoría de basílica menor.

En los últimos años, la parroquia ha recaudado importantes fondos para llevar a cabo proyectos de reparación, incluida una restauración de $5 millones de los dos campanarios históricos de la basílica en 2023.

La alianza con la Iniciativa Católica garantiza a la Ste. Anne Parish el uso exclusivo de la basílica y su propiedad para actos parroquiales, liturgias, programas benéficos y otras actividades durante los próximos dos siglos.

La Iniciativa Católica y la Ste. Anne Parish trabajarán juntas para restaurar la basílica y el campus en los próximos tres años. Además de la renovación completa de la iglesia y su propiedad, el proyecto de $30 millones incluirá un nuevo pabellón al aire libre, mejoras en los senderos, paisajismo e iluminación, y un muro de oración. Un fondo de $20 millones garantizará también preservación de la basílica, además de cubrir sus necesidades operativas.

Según el comunicado de prensa de la arquidiócesis, "una parte significativa de la financiación para la restauración proviene del compromiso de $111 millones que la Pulte Family Charitable Foundation ha anunciado hoy para financiar sus proyectos "Legado de Esperanza", y el resto de los fondos será aportado por donantes de todo Estados Unidos.

La restauración de la Basílica de Santa Ana es uno de los tres "proyectos emblemáticos" de la Iniciativa Católica. La organización sin fines de lucro también está trabajando para asegurar la administración del instituto católico femenino más antiguo de Chicago, Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart, y establecer un fondo para preservar el centro a largo plazo, así como para financiar Bulldog Catholic, el programa de pastoral universitaria dirigido por el P. Mike Schmitz.

El P. Schmitz, conocido conferenciante y presentador de los podcasts de Ascension "La Biblia en un año" y "El catecismo en un año", se ha unido a la junta directiva de la Iniciativa Católica.

"Me siento profundamente inspirado por la visión y la innovación detrás de la Iniciativa Católica", dijo el P. Schmitz. "Este modelo no se trata sola de apoyo financiero, sino de desplegar todo el potencial de las iglesias, escuelas y parroquias católicas. Muchas comunidades católicas son entusiastas y tienen una fe sólida, simplemente necesitan los recursos para seguir prosperando. Me sentí llamado a formar parte de algo que realmente pueda transformar el futuro de la fe católica".

La organización sin fines de lucro dijo que se están desarrollando otros dos proyectos en el Medio Oeste, que serán anunciados en los próximos meses.

En la Arquidiócesis de Detroit, la Pulte Family Charitable Foundationtambién es propietaria de St. John's Resort, en Plymouth, que antiguamente fue el St. John's Provincial Seminary y todavía cuenta con un espacio de culto católico en funcionamiento, la Capilla de Santa María y San José, cuyo arrendamiento exclusivo corresponde a la Arquidiócesis de Detroit.

Mons. Kosanke anunció la iniciativa a los feligreses después de la Misa del 9 de marzo y dijo que, tras años de intentar recaudar los fondos necesarios para restaurar Ste. Anne, estaba claro que "necesitábamos un milagro para poder restaurar esta iglesia".

"Hoy estoy aquí para anunciar que se ha producido un milagro", dijo Mons. Kosanke, encabezando los aplausos de la congregación.

"Hoy, con este anuncio, Ste. Anne tiene la bendición de avanzar hacia el futuro con una base financiera sólida, gracias a la Pulte Family Charitable Foundation y su nueva Iniciativa Católica", afirmó Mons. Kosanke. "Con la bendición de Dios y mucho esfuerzo, su esperanza es poder ayudar a otras parroquias como Ste. Anne en todo Estados Unidos".

"Por último, quiero dar gracias a Dios todopoderoso por habernos enviado a las personas que necesitamos para restaurar esta iglesia y mantenerla abierta por muchas generaciones más".

Partnership will secure the future of St. Anne

A new nonprofit, The Catholic Initiative, will undertake $30M 'complete rehabilitation' of historic church, establish $20M endowment

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including repairs, routine maintenance, and the financial support of an on-site priest.

Msgr. Charles Kosanke, rector of the Basilica of Ste. Anne, announced the partnership to Ste. Anne parishioners during Masses on March 9. The Archdiocese of Detroit and The Catholic Initiative jointly announced the initiative to media the same afternoon.

Built in 1886, the Basilica of Ste. Anne — the eighth church structure in the history of Detroit's original and founding parish — is an architectural icon in the city, overlooking the Detroit River near the Ambassador Bridge and serving as a place of welcome and worship for Catholics and others for generations.

However, like many historic churches, decades of wear and tear on the basilica's aging infrastructure have resulted in millions of dollars in maintenance and renovation needs, creating an unsustainable burden on the parish.

"Due to the Basilica's age and significance, Ste. Anne Parish would have needed to enter a state of perpetual fundraising, often at the expense of its missionary efforts, to undertake the extensive renovations and costly maintenance work required," Detroit Archbishop Emeritus Allen H. Vigneron said in a media release.

As part of the Vatican-approved partnership, ownership of the church building and campus will shift to a newly formed 501c3 organization created for the sole purpose of preserving the historic basilica and property, with The Catholic Initiative assuming all responsibility for ongoing maintenance and renovation.

The shared vision of the partnership protects and ensures Ste. Anne Parish's future, with the parish retaining "exclusive and permanent rights to use the property as a Catholic church and basilica," expressed through a 200-year renewable lease.

The Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic organization run by the family of the late homebuilder and philanthropist William J. Pulte, supports a variety of charitable and humanitarian causes led by nonprofit and educational institutions in Metro Detroit and across the world.

Pulte, a native of southeast Michigan, was a devoted Catholic family man in addition to his work building and managing PulteGroup Inc., which has built more than 750,000 homes since its founding. Throughout his lifetime, Pulte donated hundreds of millions of dollars — often anonymously — to Catholic churches and charitable causes. One such example was the Angel Fund, which helped inner-city parishes assist struggling families by paying basic living expenses. Pulte died in 2018 at the age of 85.

Kevin Doyle, president of The Catholic Initiative and chief operating officer of the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, said Pulte's legacy of service continues to inspire the foundation's efforts.

"The Foundation was built on the ethos of 'to whom much is given, much will be required,' and a commitment to embodying an entrepreneurial spirit — finding new ways to solve challenges," Doyle said in a news release announcing The Catholic Initiative. "The Catholic Initiative honors that ethos by pioneering a new model of investing in vibrant churches, schools, and parishes in underserved communities, ensuring their long-term sustainability. This model frees religious leaders and Catholic educators from their financial burdens and allows them to focus on their true mission: serving their parishioners and students."

Doyle said the partnership with Ste. Anne — one of the first projects undertaken by The Catholic Initiative — will allow Detroit's founding parish to move forward as a beacon of hope to the community, with its long-term future secure.

"Ste. Anne is more than a building; it is a community hub, a town within a city," Doyle said. "This innovative partnership ensures the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, a cornerstone of the community for 200 years, will continue to thrive for generations to come.

"To our knowledge, this is the first time in United States history that the Vatican has approved a shift in ownership of a parish church to a dedicated nonprofit," Doyle continued. "We are pioneering a new model of investing in vibrant churches, schools, and parishes, securing their long-term viability and strengthening their ability to serve their communities. We hope we can shift the conversation for priests and parishioners — from one of constant fundraising to one of renewal, sustainability, and the needs of the community."

Msgr. Charles Kosanke, rector of the Basilica of Ste. Anne, offers Communion to a parishioner during a Mass at the basilica. Msgr. Kosanke announced the parish's partnership with The Catholic Initiative during Masses the weekend of March 9. (Photo by Matthew Rich | Special to Detroit Catholic)

Archbishop Vigneron expressed his gratitude for the foundation's partnership, which he called a creative solution to the struggle many inner-city parishes face with rising maintenance costs. He noted that the partnership will allow the Basilica of Ste. Anne to focus on ministry and outreach to its southwest Detroit community, free from the struggle of constant repair, maintenance and fundraising.

"I am deeply grateful to the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation and The Catholic Initiative for answering the call to help preserve the Basilica and thereby strengthen the parish's ability to further its missionary presence in the community," Archbishop Vigneron said.

Archbishop-designate Edward J. Weisenburger, who will succeed Archbishop Vigneron as archbishop of Detroit on March 18, also expressed his "enthusiastic" support of the effort.

"I am both honored and inspired to continue the legacy of Archbishop Vigneron's leadership through my support of this partnership between Ste. Anne Parish and the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation. It is a remarkable example of how creative and faithful stewardship can ensure the preservation of our sacred heritage while advancing our mission," Archbishop-designate Weisenburger said. "I look forward to seeing this collaboration bear fruit for the glory of God and provide the resources needed to sustain the Basilica of Ste. Anne for generations to come."

Founded in 1701, Ste. Anne is the second-oldest continually operating Catholic parish in the United States. Over the centuries, the community has grown and changed many times. Today, the parish community serves a largely Hispanic population, with robust ministries and liturgies throughout the week in both English and Spanish. In 2020, Pope Francis elevated the historic church to the status of a minor basilica.

In recent years, the parish has raised significant funds to undertake long-overdue repair projects, including a $5 million restoration of the basilica's two historic steeples in 2023.

The partnership with The Catholic Initiative protects Ste. Anne Parish's exclusive future use of the basilica and property — including for parish events, liturgies, charitable programs and other activities — for the next two centuries and beyond.

The Catholic Initiative and Ste. Anne Parish will work together to restore the basilica and campus over three years. In addition to a complete rehabilitation of the church and property, the $30 million project will include a new outdoor pavilion, enhanced walkways, landscaping and lighting, and a prayer wall. A $20 million endowment will also secure the basilica's future preservation, as well as operational needs.

According to the archdiocesan news release, "a significant part of the restoration funding will come from a $111 million commitment the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation announced today toward providing funding for its 'Legacy of Hope' Projects," with the remaining funds raised from donors across the United States.

The restoration of the Basilica of Ste. Anne is one of three "flagship projects" being undertaken by The Catholic Initiative. The nonprofit also is working to secure the property ownership of Chicago's oldest all-girls Catholic high school, Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart, and to establish an endowment for the school's long-term viability, as well as to establish an endowment to support Bulldog Catholic, the campus ministry program led by Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Fr. Schmitz, a widely known speaker and host of Ascension's "Bible in a Year" and "Catechism in a Year" podcasts, has joined the board of directors of The Catholic Initiative.

"I was deeply inspired by the vision and innovation behind The Catholic Initiative," Fr. Schmitz said. "This model isn't just about financial support, it's about unleashing the full potential of Catholic churches, schools, and parishes. Many Catholic communities are vibrant and alive with faith, they just need the resources to thrive for generations. I felt called to be part of something that can truly transform the future of the Catholic faith."

The nonprofit said two other Midwest projects are in development and will be announced in the coming months.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation also owns St. John's Resort in Plymouth, which formerly served as St. John's Provincial Seminary and still includes a functioning Catholic worship space, Saints Mary and Joseph Chapel, for which the Archdiocese of Detroit has an exclusive lease.

Announcing the initiative to parishioners after Mass on March 9, Msgr. Kosanke said after years of attempting to raise the necessary funds to restore Ste. Anne, it was clear "we needed a miracle to be able to restore this church."

"I'm here to announce today that we received a miracle," Msgr. Kosanke said, leading applause from the congregation.

"Today, with this announcement, Ste. Anne is blessed to move forward into the future with a firm financial foundation, thanks to the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation and its new Catholic Initiative," Msgr. Kosanke said. "With God's blessing and a lot of hard work, their hope is to help other parishes like Ste. Anne all over the United States."

"Finally, I want to thank almighty God for bringing us the people that we need to restore this church and to keep it open for many generations to come."

Members of the parish and community celebrate the feast of Ste. Anne at the Basilica of Ste. Anne in southwest Detroit on July 26, 2021. (Photo by Valaurian Waller | Detroit Catholic*)*

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This past Saturday, Pure Pro Wrestling held Lucha Fiesta, at Candela Detroit, in Southwest Detroit, in front of a near capacity crowd. Fans were treated to 8 different matches. Pure Pro Wrestling's upcoming events will take place on April 11th in Owosso, April 12th in Flint, May 17th in Holland, and June 7th in Bay City.

Photos below are highlights from the Pure Pro Wrestling Lucha Fiesta event at Candela Detroit

Hannah Henderson and Marley "the Runaway" Raine faced off at Pure Pro Wrestling's night of fights at Candela Detroit

Darling Roger pumps up the crowd before entering the ring to face "Perfection Personified" James Alexander

"Outlaw" Sean Evans clotheslines "The Absolute Fact" Trevor Hunt en route to victory

"Global Flyer" Drake sends "Revved Up" Raleigh Townsend crashing to the floor

Gideon Malice poses for a photo with a fan during a meet and greet session

El Central's photographer Adam J. Dewey (bottom far right), circles ring looking for the best camera angle. Photo by Dan Graschuck

Detroit City Eases Past Miami

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On a comfortable South Florida evening, Detroit City opened the 2025 season with a comfortable 2-0 win over Miami FC. It sounded like most of the sparse crowd at Florida International University's Kia Field at Pit Bull Stadium supported the visitors. Audible cheers could be heard as the visitors cruised to victory.

Team chemistry could have been a concern pre-match with four new faces in the starting eleven, but the entirely new midfield gave up the only serious shot Miami would have just a minute into the game. Goalkeeper Carlos Saldana made the save without really overextending himself and then enjoyed a relatively quiet evening.

While the midfield might be all new, the back line had plenty of experience. Even the absence of Devon Amoo-Mensah didn't cause any problems. Debutant Shane Wiedt stepped in and joined captain Stephen Carroll at the heart of the defense. With returning fullbacks Alex Villanueva and Michael Bryant covering the wide areas, defensive solidity looks to be a strength again this year.

Miami had by far the worst record in the USL Championship last year. They played a lot of young, inexperienced kids in 2024 and let them suffer. For 2025, they have swung their approach in an entirely different direction. No fewer than ten of the eighteen players dressed were experiencing professional soccer in the United States for the first time. They came from all over South America, first or second divisions in Argentina, Ecuador, and Chile. They look stronger, more organized, and more aggressive than last year's team.

Because much of the squad hadn't played in the USA before, this was their first chance to see how the game is played and officiated in the USL Championship. They tested referee Alyssa Nichols, constantly surrounding her after every whistle during the first half. Many of the twenty fouls they committed left no doubt about their intentions. They tried to intimidate Le Rouge.

If intimidation was the plan, it failed. Michael Bryant gave Detroit City a deserved lead just after the half hour mark when he slipped between two defenders to head in a Jeciel Cedeno corner kick. With City in complete control of possession, the home team began to chase more aggressively. Their striker, Francisco Bonifiglio collected a yellow card for a tough foul a few minutes after Bryant's goal, becoming the third player in the referee's notebook.

Shortly before halftime, Bonifiglio lashed out at Bryant after the two duelled. The referee spotted the studs up kick and immediately sent off the Miami number nine. Against ten men, City simply stroked the ball around without much trouble.

Coach Danny Dichio might be a little worried that his team didn't create more opportunities with the man advantage. Whether that was the result of Miami sitting deep with ten men, DCFC taking its collective foot off the gas, or the lack of challenging preseason games to create better chemistry in the attack is hard to say. The red card changed the game and the approach.

Overall, Detroit City introduced seven new players who joined the team during the offseason. Even so, it was the returning players who accounted for the goals. Connor Rutz sealed the win when he scored from Rhys Williams' deflected cross. DCFC started last season by winning their first five games. They are off to a positive start this year, too. However, on Saturday evening (6:00 pm, WKBD 50), they will face the defending USL champions in Colorado. The Colorado Springs Switchbacks went through a tough Western Conference playoff and hosted the championship game, where they defeated Rhode Island 3-0. This game will probably be played in colder weather and at altitude, making it a much tougher test and a much better early season measure of how good DCFC is.

Detroit City Mens Win First Game of the Season !!!

DETROIT — Detroit City Football Club is delighted to announce the signing of forward Sebastián Guenzatti. Guenzatti will join the club on a one-year deal, with an option for an additional year in 2026. Guenzatti will wear #23 for Le Rouge this season.

Detroit City FC opened the 2025 USL Championship campaign this past Saturday when the club traveled to Florida to take on Miami FC.

Le Rouge enters this season from the most successful USL Championship campaign in club history. They finished the season with 15 wins, 11 draws, and eight losses, finishing third in the Eastern Conference. The season ended in the first round of the USL Championship Playoffs when they fell to the Tampa Bay Rowdies on penalty kicks.

Detroit City parted ways with multiple players this offseason, including 2024 Black Arrow Award winner Maxi Rodriguez and club legend Nate Steinwascher, who announced his retirement from professional soccer. In their place, new faces have joined the club this offseason, including goalkeeper Carlos Herrera, defenders Morey Doner and Shane Wiedt, midfielders Jay Chapman, Marcello Polisi, Haruki Yamazaki, plus forwards Ates Diouf, Sebastián Guenzatti, and Darren Smith.

Detroit City will be on the road next week, traveling to face the 2024 USL Championship winners, Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC. Le Rouge will kick off the home slate of the 2025 season on March 22, hosting Birmingham Legion FC. Kickoff is set for 4:00 p.m. Tickets for all Detroit City matches can be found at www.detcityfc.com/tickets.

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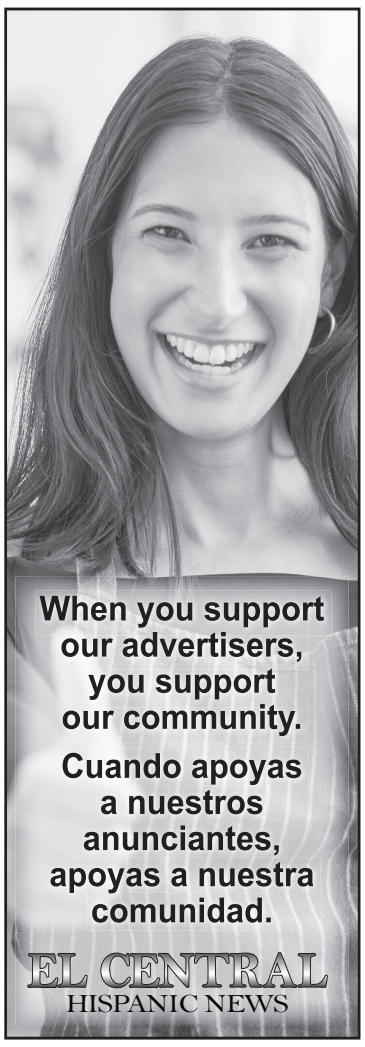
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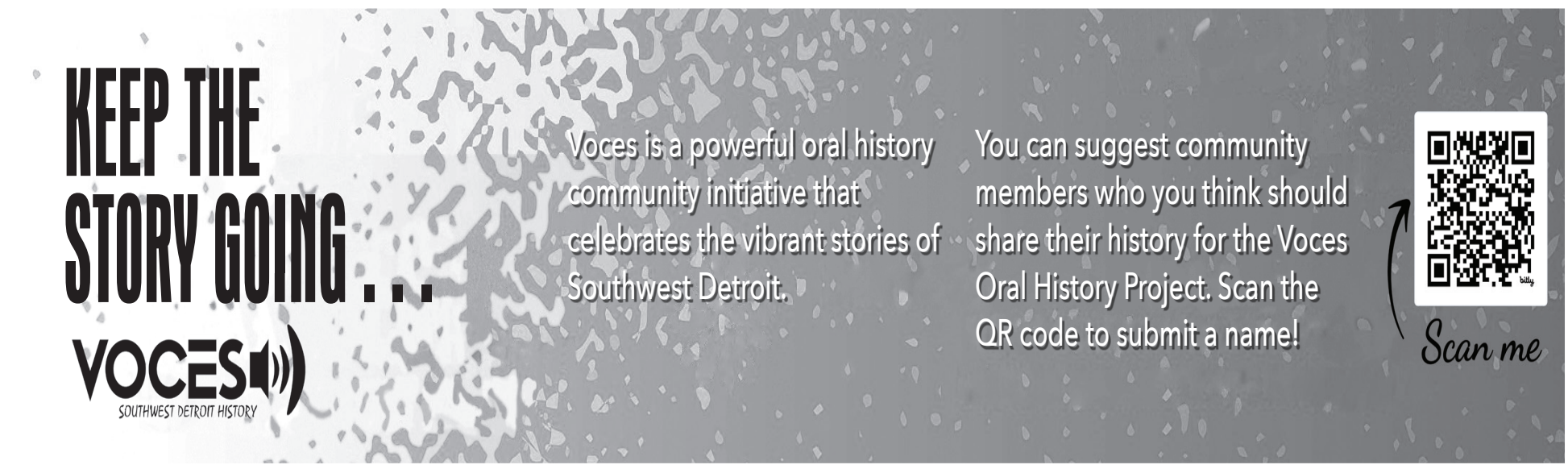
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Guest Opinion:

The Trump Slump is now

By Robert Reich

Recall that Trump was elected largely because Americans thought the economy was lousy and believed him when he said he'd fix it.

Now, seven weeks after his inauguration, the bottom is falling out. Stocks are plunging. Treasury yields are falling. Consumer confidence is dropping. Inflation is picking up.

Over the weekend, Trump refused to rule out a recession this year, telling Fox News there will be a "period of transition, because what we're doing is very big."

Well, yes, if "very big" means destroying much of the federal government, allying with Putin against our traditional allies, and putting high tariff walls around America.

The cost of living — the single biggest problem identified by consumers over the last several years — is going up, not down. Trump's tariffs on steel and aluminum, and his threatened 25 percent tariffs on Canada and Mexico, are playing havoc with supply chains inside and outside America.

Trump's trade war with China intensified today as China began imposing retaliatory tariffs on a wide range of American farm products. Food prices are rising.

Corporations are pulling back from investing in new productive capacity — additional jobs, equipment, factories — because Trump's and Musk's chaos makes it impossible for them to gauge what the future will bring. Joblessness is rising.

The S&P 500 was down more than 2 percent in this morning's trading — after last week's 3.1 percent drop (the biggest drop in six months) — signaling that investors are spooked.

Tesla's stock tumbled more than 8 percent this morning. Shares of Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon.com, Nvidia and Meta Platform fell more than 2 percent.

Long-term bonds — which reveal investors' expectations about the economy over the next decade — are also down. They expect hard times. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield slipped below 4.23 percent (it had settled Friday above 4.31 percent).

Even before this Trump slump, only the richest 10 percent of Americans had enough purchasing power to keep the economy going with their spending. The bottom 90 percent — including most Trump voters — were barely getting by. The next eighteen months could be rough on millions of people.

Will the Trump slump turn into a recession? How will Trump lie and cheat his way out of it? Stay tuned.

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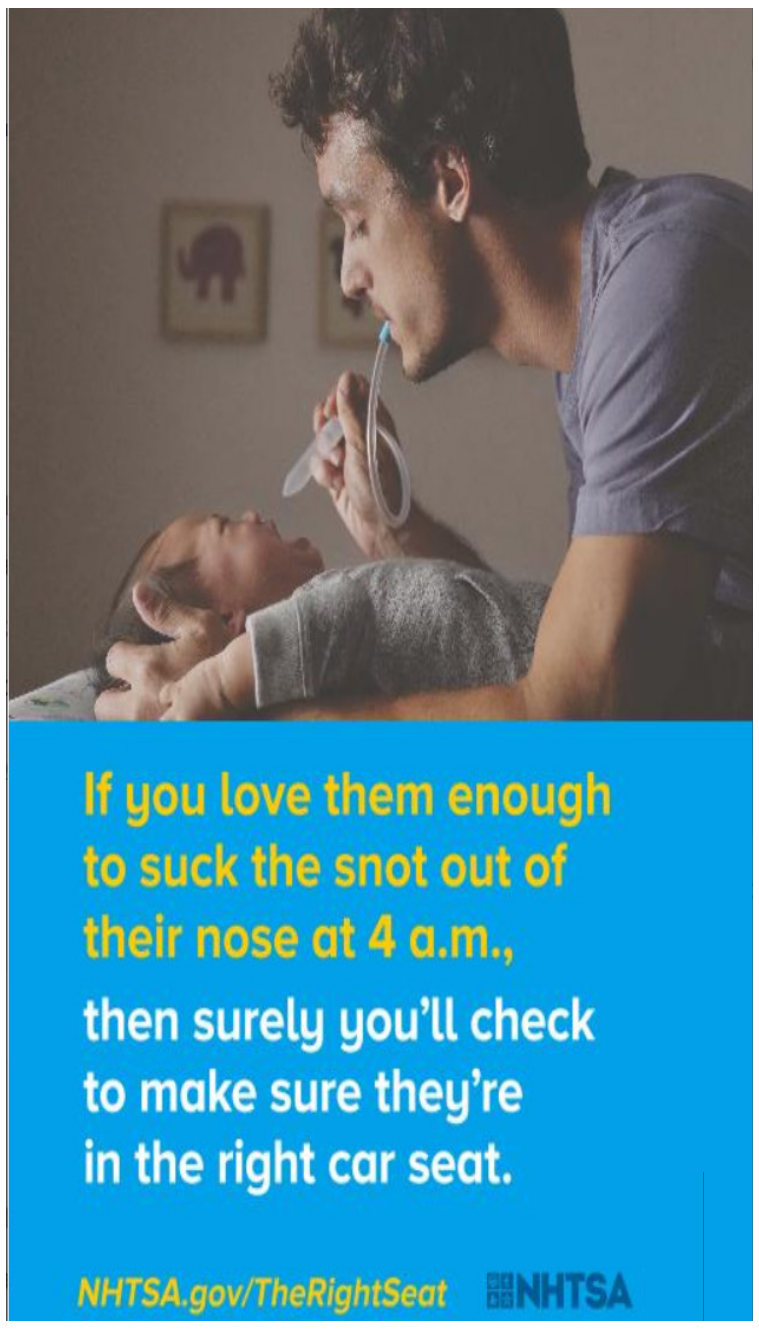


SPECIAL WORLD'S CULTURES

Basilica de Zapopan, MX

Basilica of Our Lady of Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico

The Virgin of Zapopan is one of the three invocations of the Virgin Mary in Jalisco. It is said that between the 16th and 17th centuries when the Franciscan friars were engaged in the evangelization and dissemination of Catholicism in the territory of Mesoamerica, it was of utmost importance to show the love and devotion to her children on behalf of the Virgin Mary, mother of

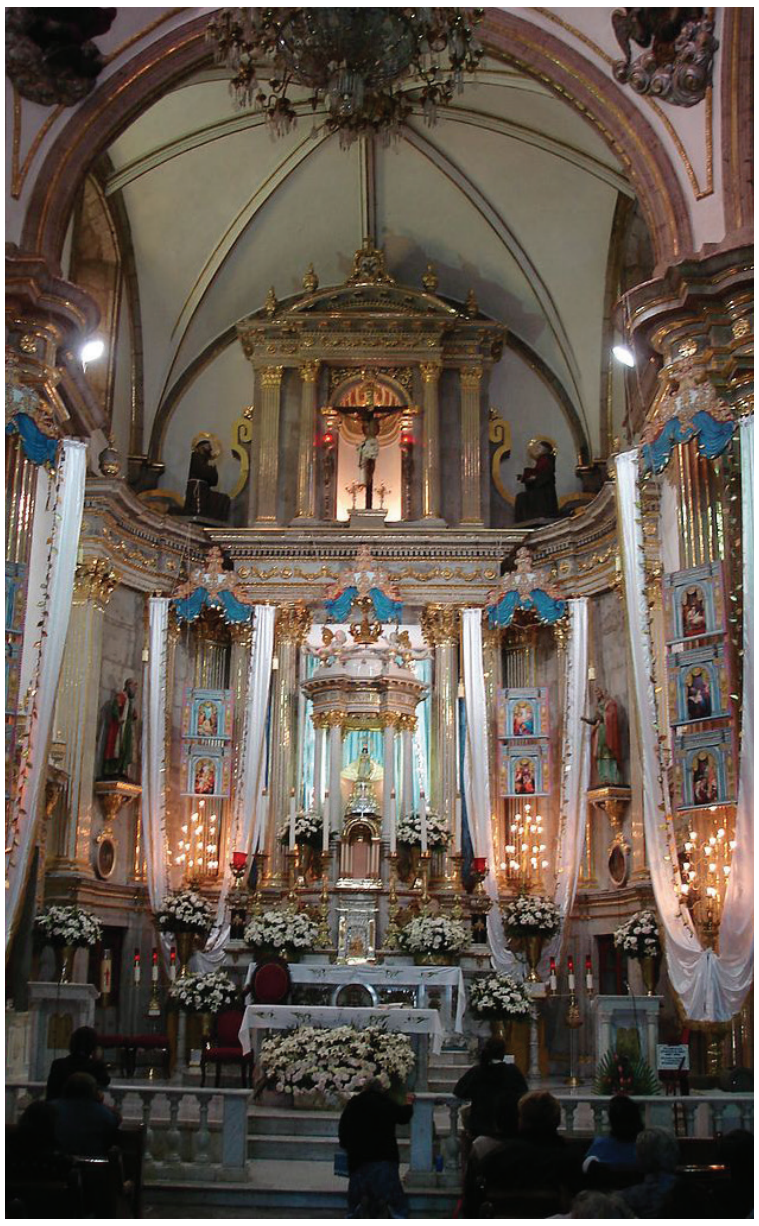
Jesus, and that through her the indigenous people would be more open to conversion to Catholicism.

During that period, the sculpture of three invocations of the Virgin Mary was carried out in the state of Jalisco, also called the three Queens of Jalisco or the Three Sisters: Our Lady of Zapopan, the Virgin of the Rosary of Talpa, and the Virgin of San Juan de los Lagos.

In the 17th century, there was a terrible epidemic in Guadalajara, and doctors could not find a cure or a way to stop it. Bishop Juan Santiago León Garabito asked the people of Zapopan to allow them to take the miraculous Virgin of the Conception of Zapopan in the hope that she would grant them a miracle to save the population. The friars

of Zapopan accepted the bishop's invitation, and the Virgin was taken on a pilgrimage from what was then the Zapopan Chapel to the Guadalajara Cathedral. When the Virgin arrived at the cathedral, days later, the doctors reported that the cases had ceased, and the pandemic was under control.

Thus, in 1639, the Basilica of Zapopan began, and next to it was the convent for the Franciscan friars. Given the continuous miracles of the Virgin of Zapopan, in the 18th century the visit of the Virgin to each of the temples, churches and chapels of Guadalajara began to take place, the last visit being to the Cathedral of Guadalajara



and from there heading to the Basilica of Zapopan on October 12 of each year, followed by a great pilgrimage and procession with different groups of dancers, musicians, war bands, banners of different Catholic congregations, school groups, marichis and musical bands that await and accompany her on the 7.6 kilometer (4.8 mile) journey.

The image of the Virgin of Our Lady of Zapopan is standing, stepping on a half moon; the tunic is painted red and the cloak is dark blue, edged with gold; her hands are made of wood and are together in front of her chest; to adapt cloth garments to her, the cloak was torn apart over her shoulder, around her head and under her arms. Her eyes are painted, her lips are slightly thick and closed, and she is honored to be the first image to be venerated in Jalisco.

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Basílica de Zapopan, MX

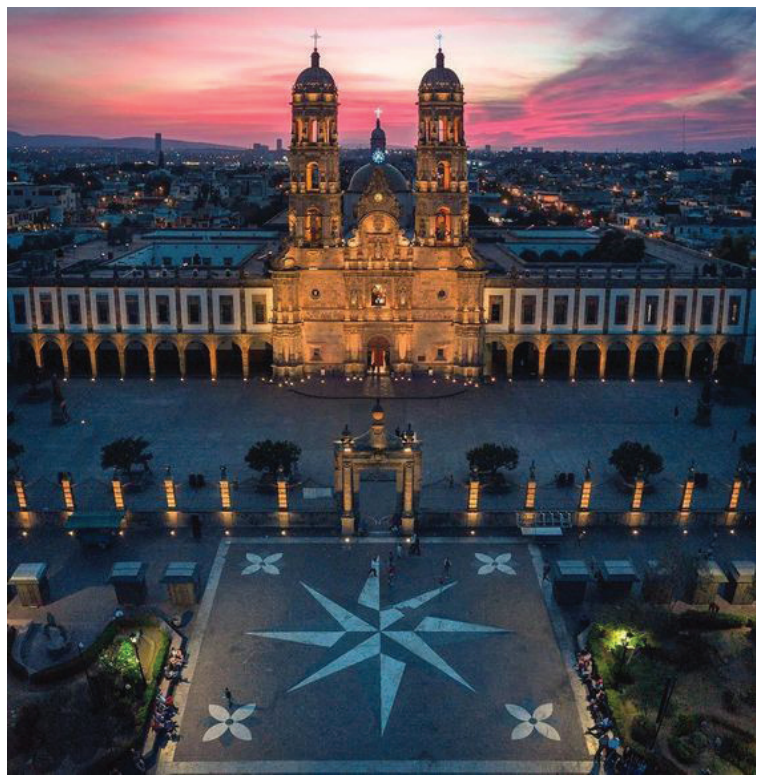
Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Zapopan, en Jalisco, México

La virgen de Zapopan, es una de las tres advocaciones de la Virgen María en Jalisco. Cuentan que entre el siglo XVI y XVII cuando los frailes Franciscanos se ocupaban de la evangelización y difusión del catolicismo en el territorio de Mesoamérica, fue de suma importancia mostrar el amor y devoción a sus hijos de parte de la Virgen María, madre de Jesús y que a través de ella los indígenas se encontraran más abierto a la conversión del catolicismo.

En ese periodo se llevó a cabo en el estado de Jalisco la escultura de tres advocaciones de la Virgen María, también llamadas las tres Reinas de Jalisco o las Tres Hermanas: Nuestra Señora de Zapopan, La Virgen del Rosario de Talpa y La Virgen de San Juan de los Lagos.

En el siglo XVII hubo una terrible epidemia en Guadalajara y los médicos no encontraban ni cura, ni cómo frenarla, el obispo Juan Santiago León Garabito pidió a los zapopanos que les permitieran llevar a la milagrosa Virgen de la Concepción de Zapopan cn la esperanza de que les concediera un milagro para salvar a la población. Los frailes de Zapopan aceptaron la invitación del obispo y se llevó en peregrinación a la virgen desde lo que en ese entonces era la Capilla de Zapopan a la Catedral de Guadalajara. Al llegar la Virgen a la catedral, días más tarde los médicos reportaron que los casos habían cesado y la pandemia estaba bajo control.

Así fue que en 1639 se comenzó con la construcción de la



Basílica de Zapopan y a un costado el convento para los frailes Franciscanos.

Ante los continuos milagros de la Virgen de Zapopan, en el siglo XVIII se comenzó a llevar a cabo la visita de la Virgen a cada uno de los templos, iglesias y capillas de Guadalajara siendo la última visita a la Catedral de Guadalajara y de ahí rumbo a la Basílica de Zapopan el 12

de octubre de cada año seguida de una gran Romería y Peregrinación con diferentes grupos de danzantes, músicos, Bandas de Guerra, Estandartes de diferentes congrecaciones católicas, Grupos escolares, Marichis y Bandas musicales que la esperan y acompañan en el recorrido de 7.6 kilómetros 4.8 millas.

La imagen de la Virgen de Nuestra Señora de Zapopan está de pie, pisando una media luna; la túnica está pintada de rojo y el manto azul obscuro, fileteado de oro; sus manos son de madera y están juntas ante el pecho; para poderle adaptar vestiduras de tela, le desbarataron el manto sobre el hombro, alrededor de su cabeza y bajo los brazos. Tiene los ojos pintados, sus labios un poco gruesos y cerrados, tiene el honor de ser la primera imagen que se veneró en tierras jalisciense.

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